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REPLY

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 17, 2004, the Applicant submits this Reply.

Applicant hereby petitions for a 3-month extension of time to submit this Reply.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8.

Remarks begin on page 9, of which the Conclusion is on page 11.

An Appendix including two replacement sheets and two annotated sheets for the amended drawings is attached following page 11.